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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated December 2, 2005, enclosed is a revised "Response to Office Action Dated July 27, 2005" document originally filed on October 25, 2005.

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks in response to the Office action dated July 27, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.